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NON-SUPPLY OF LPG TO THE CONSUMERS BY LPG DEALERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding non-supply of LPG regularly to the consumers by the LPG dealers in various parts of the country ;

(b) if so, action taken against the erring LPG distributors during the last three years and the current year ;

(c) whether these distributors are also involved in black-marketing/ diversion of LPG cylinders for commercial purpose of LPG cylinders;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard ; and

(f) if so, the action taken against the guilty persons by the Government ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b) : Whenever Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) receive complaints of deliberate delay in refill supplies, these are investigated. If the complaint is established, action is taken against the erring LPG distributor in accordance with the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

OMCs have reported that action has been taken in 150 cases on establishment of complaints of deliberate delay in refill supplies by their LPG distributors in the country during last three years and April-June, 2010 under the provision of MDG.

(c) to (f) : The possibility of blackmarketing/ diversion of subsidized domestic LPG cylinders by some unscrupulous elements cannot be ruled out due to the wide gap between the retail price of LPG for domestic use and the market price for commercial LPG.

OMCs have reported that based on the established complaints of black marketing/diversion of domestic LPG by LPG distributors, action has been taken in 217 cases in the country during last three years and April-June, 2010 as per provisions of MDG/ Distributorship Agreement.